

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing phytotoxicity to corn or maize plant caused by a herbicide application to the corn or maize plant or the seed from which it grows which method comprises:

- (a) applying to the seed of a corn or maize plant a composition comprising a chloronicotinyl insecticide, and
- (b) applying to the corn or maize plant locus a herbicidal composition, wherein the herbicide is selected from the group consisting of chloroacetamides, imidazolinones, oxyacetamides, sulfonylureas, triazines, triketones isoxazoles, and combinations thereof.

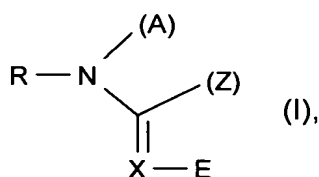
2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method according Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied to the soil at the locus.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~Claims~~ Claim 1 wherein the herbicidal composition is applied to the foliage of the plant at the locus.

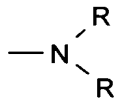
6. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is a compound of formula (I):



in which

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- R represents hydrogen, optionally substituted radicals from the group acyl, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl;
- A represents a monofunctional group from the series hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, aryl, or represents a bifunctional group which is linked to the radical Z;
- E represents an electron-withdrawing radical;
- X represents the radicals -CH= or =N-, it being possible for the radical -CH= instead of an H-atom to be linked to the radical Z;
- Z represents a monofunctional group from the series alkyl, -O-R, -S-R,



or represents a bifunctional group which is linked to the radical A or to the radical X (if X represents  $\begin{array}{c} \text{=C---} \\ | \\ \text{E} \end{array}$ ).

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied as a pre-emergent treatment.

9. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied as a post emergent treatment.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

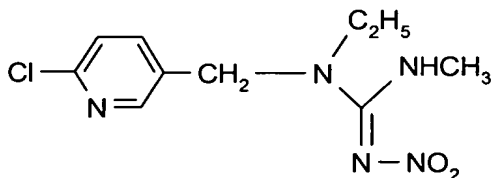
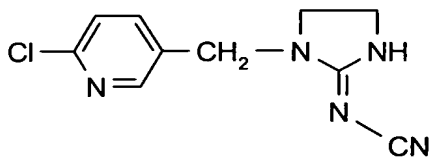
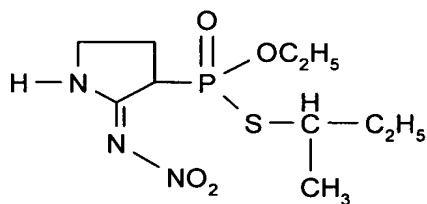
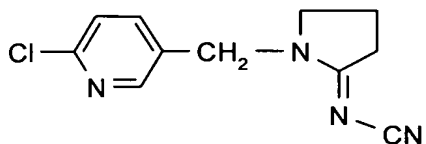
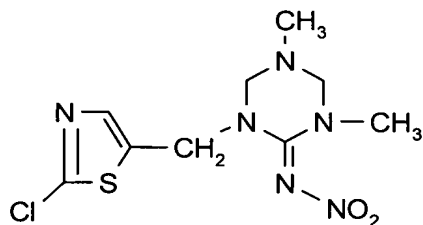
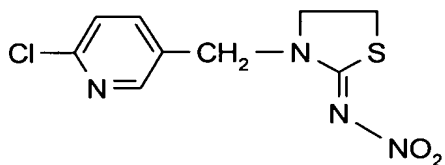
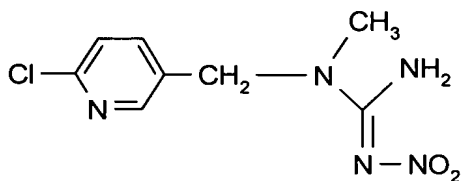
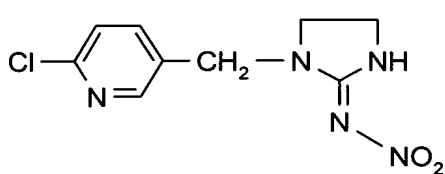
12. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is applied to the seed of the corn plant.

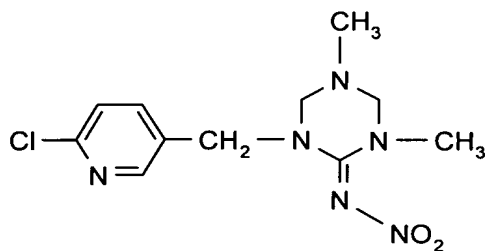
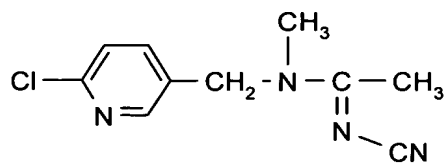
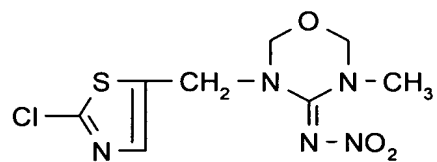
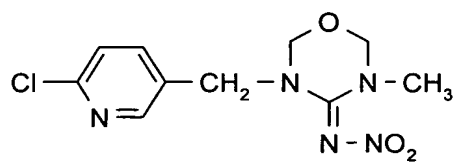
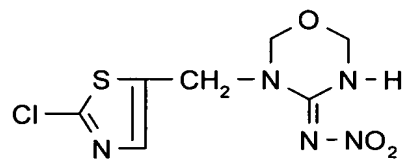
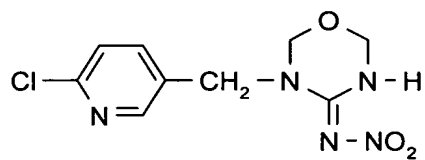
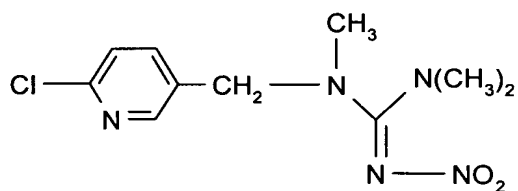
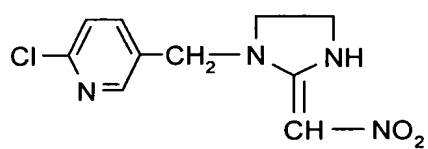
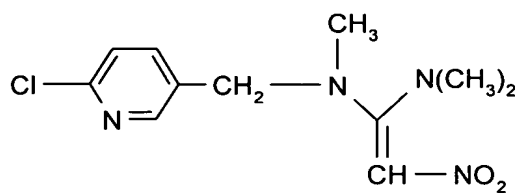
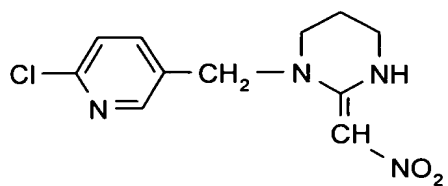
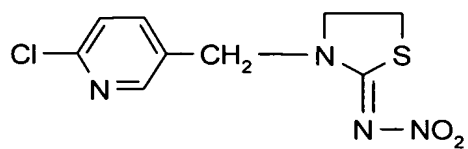
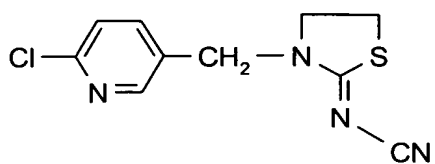
13. (Original) The method according to Claim 12 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is applied at a rate of from 0.05 mg/seed to 3 mg/seed.

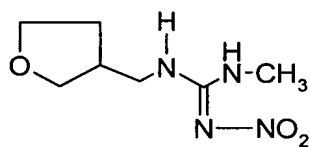
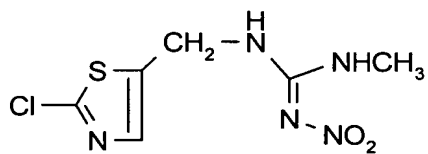
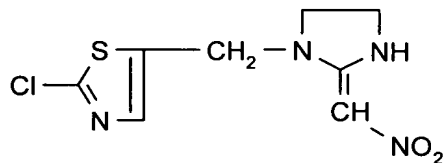
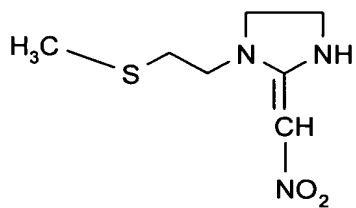
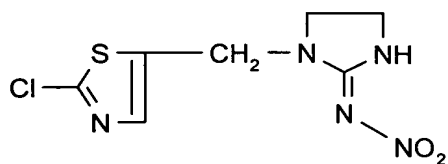
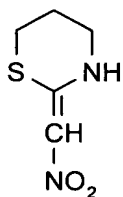
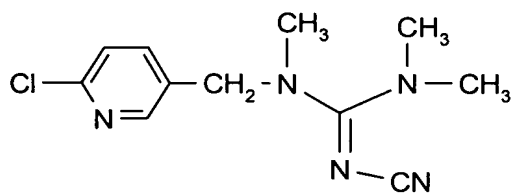
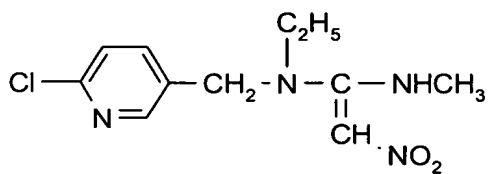
14. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-3 wherein the soil temperature at the plant locus at or before the time of application of the herbicide is from about 4°C to about 25°C.

15. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-3 wherein the soil temperature at the plant locus at or before the time of application of the herbicide is from about 10°C to about 20°C.

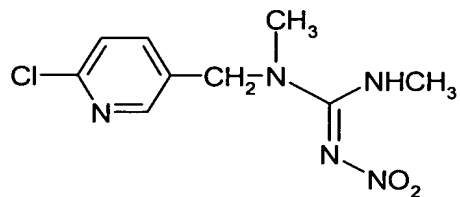
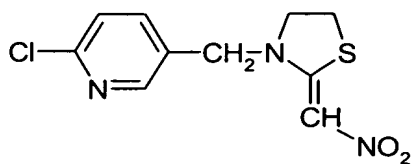
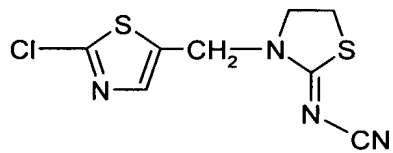
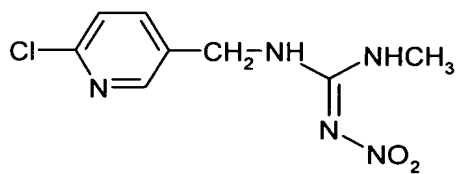
16. (Original) The method according to Claim 6 wherein the compound of formula (I) is:



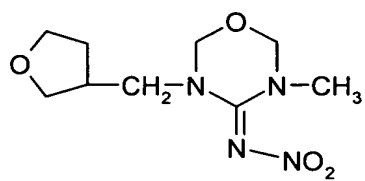
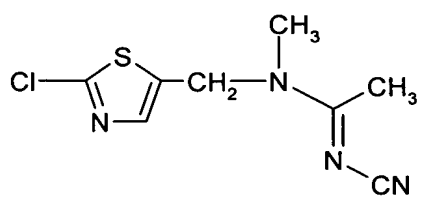




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